**World Civ Suez Canal Research Assignment Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **SUEZ CANAL RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT**

You will break up into five groups (about 3 students) to research the questions below. Your group should post their findings in an organized and meaningful way on the ietherpad. I recommend starting with a word document and then pasting it to the pad. Be sure to consult many reliable sources in your research.

1. What are the historical origins of the canal?
   * Who conceived of the idea of building the canal?
   * Why did the canal get built?
   * How long did it take to build?
   * Who financed the construction of the canal?
   * Were some people negatively affected?
   * Include maps
2. What developments in science, engineering, and technology allowed the canal to be built?
   * Include images
3. Why has been the impact of the canal on Egypt – economically, politically, and socially?
4. What impact does the canal have on the global economy?
5. What are current issues involving the canal?
   * Has Mubarak’s handling of the canal as a resource, over the last 30 years, affected his popularity?
   * How is the canal related to the protests? If the canal were to be compromised amidst the revolution, what might be the consequences?

**POTENTIAL SOURCES**

<http://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/> - Canal’s website

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/03/world/middleeast/03suez.html> - Analysis of canal’s significance

<http://www.emdb.gov.eg/english/inside_e.aspx?main=suezcanal&level1=history> – Egyptian Maritime Databank

<http://worldhistory.abc-clio.com/Search/Display/311154?terms=suez+canal> – History

<http://web.ebscohost.com/scirc/search/basic?hid=14&sid=944bfa4d-60e6-4baa-b79d-3425be26871e%40sessionmgr13&vid=2> The Science Reference Center (RE online database) - search under "Technology"